

Williamsburg Area Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 19, 2010
Quarterpath Recreation Center

Present: Sophie Hart, Patricia Albert, Terry Buntrock, Les Dubnick, Michael Kirby, Lanette McNeil, Paul Tongue, Shelley Weisberg and City Liaison Julie Phares
Absent: Polly Bartlett

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.
No members of the public were present.

Adoption of the May 11, 2010, minutes was moved by Mr. Dubnick and seconded by Mr. Tongue. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Ms. Hart welcomed Patricia Albert as a new commissioner. Ms. Albert fills the vacated seat of Laura Barry. The commissioners and Ms. Phares introduced themselves and welcomed Ms. Albert.

Ms. Phares reported that the two \$5,000 State of Virginia Challenge Grants were awarded to the City of Williamsburg and James City County for Fiscal Year 2011.

Ms. Phares provided a list of grantees who have not returned year end reports, calendars and/or letters requesting the release of granted funds. Commissioners have followed up with the grantees and will continue to offer assistance and reminders.

Liaison assignments were adjusted for 2010-2011. Ms. Phares will distribute the new list before the September meeting.

Ms. Hart asked for a sub-committee to review edits to the current grant application package provided by former commissioner Laura Barry. The sub-committee will include Ms. Buntrock, Ms. Hart, Ms. McNeil, Ms. Phares and Ms. Weisberg, and will present its findings at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioners reported on their liaison groups.

- This Century Art Gallery's summer classes for youth have been well attended and the education center's location is accessible. TCAG has advertised an opening for an Executive Director as a continuing step toward building a Community Visual Arts Center at Papermill Creek.
- Williamsburg Players produced, *Company*, this spring.
- Williamsburg Consort's next production, *America Alive*, will be held September 16, at Warhill High School.
- Several commissioners have enjoyed the Virginia Shakespeare Festival's contemporary portrayal of *As You Like It*.
- The Williamsburg Symphonia will again present *Dancing Under the Stars* in Merchant's Square on the Saturday evening prior to *An Occasion for the Arts*.

- Season tickets for upcoming performances by The Williamsburg Symphonia have sold out.
- An Occasion for the Arts has partnered with the Williamsburg Economic Development Authority and Colonial Williamsburg Foundation to present a Saturday Artisans Fair as part of the expansion of AOFTA to a weekend-long arts event. On that Saturday, CW will offer free admission to their historic artisan venues, and contemporary artisans will sell their wares on the lawn of the Dewitt Wallace Museum.
- The deadline for nominations for the ALLI Awards is September 8. Applications are available on the Cultural Alliance of Greater Hampton Roads Web site.

The next meeting of the Williamsburg Area Arts Commission will be at 9 a.m., Sept. 21, at Quarterpath Recreation Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Buntrock, Secretary